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Winchester houses of worship celebrate holiday season

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Winchester Unitarian Society is decorated for the holidays. COURTESY PHOTO

The holiday season is upon us and for residents of Winchester who are celebrating, the following houses of worship will be hosting ever

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Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

The Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church on Church Street, will offer services on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and again at 9 p.m.

Both services will feature a retelling of the age-old Christmas story, singing beloved carols, and special music by Occasional Brass and Strings. They'll also host a Christmas Carol Sing-along from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in front of the church.

First Congregational Church

The First Congregational Church's children and youth will stage their annual Christmas Pageant during the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m.

Hope Christian Church

Hope Christian Church on Mt. Vernon Street will host a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m.

The Parish of the Epiphany

The Parish of the Epiphany on Christmas Eve will include three services:

The 4 p.m. service is the family Eucharist and Children's Pageant, sung by the Choristers and Schola.

At 7 p.m., the church will offer a Sung Eucharist, and at 10 p.m., a Festal Eucharist, both featuring the Parish Choir and string quartet.

On Christmas Day at 10 a.m., the church will host a Sung Euchar
the Schola.

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St. Eulalia Parish

St. Eulalia Parish on Ridge Street offers several events.

On Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m., the parish will host a “Blue Christmas” prayer service for those “who are hurting during the holidays.”

On Sunday Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m., the youth ministry and the contemporary choir perform a multimedia presentation called, “Welcome the Child.”

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4 and 6 p.m., and Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. Mary Parish

St. Mary Parish on Washington Street will host Christmas Eve Masses at 4 and 10 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Winchester Unitarian Society

The Winchester Unitarian Society on Main Street will offer a Solstice Service and Caroling on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and Christmas Eve services at 4 and 7 p.m.

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The following was submitted by the Office of Sen. Jason Lewis: State Sen. Jason Lewis joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass legislation that protects residents from discrimination in the housing market as the Trump administration abandons its enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act. Illegal discrimination continues

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The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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FEATURES

‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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